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With this issue, number 78, December 1982, the SRAF Bulletin becomes a monthly publication. Although we can't really afford to do this, we are taking a gamble that all our collective commitment (that's you if you are reading this) to this project will generate more support both financially and in the form of discussion letters.

From now on the cut-off for printing material received will be the first of the month. Subscribers should get their issue by the middle of the month at the latest.

To save excessive postage costs we will no longer regularly exchang with other publications. Also exchanging publications is of no benefit to the federation as a whole as only the production group of the Bulletin see the exchanged material.

If you want to continue to receive this Bulletin we strongly urge you to subscribe. We do this with regret but this project must come close to paying for itself as we can donate labor but we can't be expected to donate cash.

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WASHINGTON D.C.

Dear SRAF:

I would like this Bulletin project to be part of several positive moves toward the development of anarchist organization in North America, a move consistent with what is happening in some parts of Europe, particularly France where the F.A.F. (French Anarchist Federation) operates a radio station and publishes a weekly paper with a circulation of 17,000 copies.

Although in the past silly in-fighting among anarchists has weakened attempts towards development of viable anarchist organization, and exclusive mindedness can and does undermine our attempts, I would like to see a distinction made between what is properly described as silly in-fighting and genuine struggle around things that cry out for criticism. There is, today, in many locals, a problem revolving around the discrepancies between anarchist rhetoric (what we say) and anarchist practice (what we do), that if left to run its course will put the lie to anarchism as the public sees it and undermine our entire purpose and direction.

Our movement will not grow honestly without a rigorous, free-flowing discussion and criticism of our current ideas and practice. It needn't degenerate inti in-fighting, name calling and ridiculous personal attacks. I hope I am not being overly optimistic. I don't think I am.

When we disagree with each other, when we see things aren't making sense, we should not look the other way, say nothing because it might hurt feelings or possibly disrupt the unity of our movement, nor should we table criticism by saying that "is all behind us, let's go forward." If we do not deal with these problems they will continue on a larger scale as we go forward. I think we should confront and discuss in an intelligent and compassionate way,our differences without allowing personal friendships block this effort.

Once side-stepping these things happens with a papering over of essential differences, then the ball starts rolling and people want to break away and go on to purer things no matter how isolated they become. This is the nature of sectarinism. Once the breaking away snowballs, we are all left poorer.

For many years I've felt that anarchist writing, to be effective communication, should be a reflection of a group's practice and not empty jargon and boot-strap rhetoric. Until the next time.

Chris Cooper

EUGENE, OREGON:

Dear SRAFeds,

Karen Petersen, I'm not surprised european colleagues don't want the US in the event we are able to expell it from North America. On the other hand, once the US is in such a condition to be expelled from here, it's not likely to be strong enough to force its way into any place else. So tell your unamused friends they don't have to take the US in unless they want to.

I'm always interested in discussing organization. In #77 there are some letters (by Jeff Stein, Bob Shea, Bob Milnes, Sam Wagar, and John Jensen) which I find thought provoking.

I don't think I agree with Jeff's idea of a "program" to hold things together when mutual aid or networking fail. The idea of a program he puts forward seems to be a document of some type which will cover all the "important" areas of agreement among co-workers in an organization. But the existence of a program will not necessarily meet his criticism of ACF for lacking a program altogether. Any program can still be missing that one (or more!) important question which the participants put off resolving.

On the other hand, the SRAF already has, and has always had, one or more more exclusive organizations within which to work. The local groups which decide to affiliate with the federation are the most obvious. In addition, on several occasions more than one group has joined together to participate in specific projects: printing pamphlets, producing buttons, sponsoring and attending conferences, publishing Black Star.

Now, Steve Ellams is right about the uneven quality. Its short life was disappointing. And if the problems were "monumental" then it was quite an accomplishment to overcome them for the 6 issues produced. But I don't think these criticisms are all that important. Black Star was not the ONLY anarchist publication around. Its quality was not even as low as some others. Ellams "questions" whether the mode of production used is revolutionary at all, suggesting the mode was only a "decentralist fetish". He admits decentralism is a good "general principle", but he warns against carrying it "to absurdly extreme lengths."

The length to which SRAF carried it could not have been "absurdly extreme" or else we could not have produced the 6 issues we did. In my view, the mode in which the production was conducted was THE most exciting thing about the production. In fact, the mode of production is a more anarchist mode than the usual centralized modes, in my opinion.

In my view, it is "projects" which are the only viable basis for organized cooperation. If one's project is the production of a program, that can form the basis of an organization. It may also lead to the conducting of further projects. But one does not have to have formulated a programmatic response to every conceivable question which might arise among participants in order to successfully conduct another type of project, or series of projects.

In the "workerist" debate, I'm not at all sure state capitalism must be attacked and destroyed everywhere all at once. It might be possible to chip away at it piecemeal. Maybe it can. I agree with Eugene Black & Red that since almost everyone receives wages for what they do from 9 to 5 (or 4 to 12, etc), then almost everyone is a "worker". So, to make significant social change (since almost everyone needs to become involved) we must involve ourselves as workers.

On the other hand, workers seldom seem to have been interested in even attempting to produce the type of revolution which we want to see. That's why we see discussions upon how to make ourselves as workers into revolutionaries, instead of making ourselves as revolutionaries into workers. There is a tendency in groups which focus upon "THE WORKER" to become more like a worker in a capitalist society, and less like a revolutionary pointing ahead to what's to come. So I think the thoughts of jai and the Eugene B&R are welcome counterbalances. These influences should keep us from going off-balanced into the future.

—Jim Bumpas

SHERIDAN, WYOMING

To the Roundtable,

Ginger: Your remarks on the connection between fascism and anarchism are important and to the point. May I add my own fragmentary observations? It appears to me that there is but one easy wrong step from a principled individualism (that grants rights to all,) to an unprincipled one (that grants rights to One.) Thus, while we can establish the terminological justice of non-coercive society, the problem is that all too often when an unprincipled person begins pursuing his or her own ends (even if they are at the start within the bounds of decorum,) people practically line up offering their help. The individual become The Leader, his partners and comrades become lackeys and followers, the doctrine becomes militarist, opportunist, and perhaps nationalist, and before you know it brown uniforms are being issued. Dana Beal seems a good case in point.

Reflection urges me to wonder whether fascism is not the logical end of activism itself. Those opposed to Power make themselves scarce in the Halls of Law, which means that all policy debates are restricted from the start to the question of This Measure over That Measure, never A Measure versus No Measures. Since no matter what else happens, the use of power will aggravate problems, the false dialectic will always lead to more popular support for ever increasing use of power. "XYZ measure failed," they cry out, and since the terms of the discussion exclude consideration of simply not employing the State, "We have to grant the authorities more power to direct affairs!" Everyone who has a vested interest in the use of State Power (for example, corporations and their partners, the environmentalists,) will soon or late realize that it is not a question of enmity but merely one of degree in cooperation. In the end, all the activists (who may count among them those who sheepishly admit to having harbored absolutist anarchist thoughts when still wet behind the ears,) team up and erect spectacular edifices like The Party or The Revolution, recuperating and/or coopting every previous oppositional grouping, slogan, or program. How about a dish of Hayden/Fondue Economic Democracy (or: fascism)? Want a dose of Fair Resource Use (read: fascism)? Anyone for a dollop of People's Congresses (i.e.: fascism)? How about some Cosmic Progressive Utilization as revealed by Swami Guru #903, (fascism with a spiritual face)? But what we really need is a return to Christ (whose heirs and assigns are, you guessed it, fascists,)!! I could vomit. Who was it two issues ago who explained his decision to go join the National Socialist American Liberals Club? Chris Nielsen?

Eugene Black & Red (M-L Anon.): First you err to misrepresent the dichotomy as one between "workerists," and those who, not being workerists, must view workers as individual non-entities and unimportant class-wise. For Shame! But wait. You then stray further afield, defending opportunism and organizing because the workers occupy a "strategic" position in the economy. Well, farmers occupy an even more strategic position. And we can't deny the strategic position of capitalists and investment brokers! Let alone secretaries in financial districts! Ayn Rand proposed a capitalist strike involving white-collar workers: what's so bad about that? Except perhaps that it looks from here as if the measures that they as a group would agitate for might not be what we-forward-thinkers recognize as the people's true best interests...And, ah-ha! Here is the key, then! If we can admit that one "strategic" subgroup of the populace may have interests that do not coincide with the (shakily defined) interests of some mystical All the People, then how do you defend the proposition that what is in the workers' best interests is also in the best interests of everyone?

Or, admitting that this cannot be defended, that indeed, all subgroups when handed power will run roughshod over everyone else, how can you defend the justice of granting this group the power to seize privilege and to abuse others? Methinks that a cursory examination will yield this truth: that powermongering bureaucrats concern themselves not with justice but with the easiest and quickest manner of seizing power for themselves (and nice bureaucrat jobs,) in the name of the workers...Strategic position my ass! Back to the drawing boards!

But to be fair, I must answer the important point about Poland. In an earlier version of this letter I did so, and left no space for further comments. Anyone interested in a scenario alternative to the "workerist" one previously offered may write for a free copy of the Society for Individual Liberty's newsletter article, The Lessons of Poland. It will suffice.

To close, then, a quote from Black:"Workers (or anyone else) can only be organized by and for their bosses." Workerism may not be a religion, but it is equally indefensible. Q.E.D.

Bob Milnes: IF: 1.) You call yourself an anarchist,
AND: 2.) You think that scientists, psychiatrists, and social services bureaucrats in league with th Supreme Court (of, get this, Law!) should use power to make sure that everything is just, and that we are all mentally healthy according to your enlightened standards,
THEN: 3) You are a madman.
To the bench, comrade, to the bench!

Paul Reynolds. (aka: "Dirty Laundry"): The Yippies knew nothing, in '68 or whenever. They meant nothing and they accomplished nothing in terms of their stated goals. Their sole purpose was to garner media attention for a few failed artistes and to manufacture spectacles. Media viewers (that is, mediated viewers,) don't listen to anyone, especially not peace marcher masochists or screaming militants. They are the same thing. The spectacle serves to fascinate and divert; it is predisposed to filter all content so as to render it null and void. Getting media attention is nothing. I will let others bask in your confusion further if they so wish. Case closed. oh, And Quit watching Television.

John Jensen: Well, thank you! I don't know why I am getting thanked, it makes me suspicious. But you asked about redistributing wealth from the rich to the needy. Wrong question. First ask: how can we get the rich to quit using State Power to redistribute wealth from the otherwise non-needy to themselves? If we start by asking your way, the only answer is to set up more State bureaus to do it.

Tracy Harms: Lonely and frustrating? You don't know the half of it! Ah, but no. I found a city, a small city, found myself a city to live in. I have some measure of dignity, my opinion is respected somewhat when it is clear that I'm not in some cynical fugue, and some of the people that I've grown to know are less afraid to think about resistance to authority than they used to be. I might be happy elsewhere, when I go there I'll find out. I keep busy when I feel like it. And study. Ah, well. Who knows? Visit if you pass this way; make that an open invite.

Gerry Reitl

MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTES

Dear SRAFeds:

The last issue of the Bulletin seemed to be a marked improvement over the previous two, inasmuch as it angered and intrigued me rather than boring me. Congratulations to all concerned.

TRACY, you have brought up a couple of topics that I want to touch on. I feel that in a capitalist economy there will be more products vying for the consumers' money than there will be in a communal economy, if only because goods will be produced by more diverse units. It is in this sense that I applaud "competition" in the economy, rather than in the hackneyed blood-streaked tooth-and-nail cliche. I guess that "competition", like "capitalism" is one of those ill-defined buzzwords that often provoke unintended reactions.

One thing bothers me about your positions, though--if no one is to own land, what about buildings? More concretely, who can build on a vacant lot--the strongest, the quickest, or who? And are buildings, as an extension of land, also to be unowned (in which case why would anyone bother to put them up)?

JOHN, why should we bother to redistribute the wealth, Come the Revolution? The idea of wealth needing to be spread out more evenly rests on the assumption that the sum of all wealth is a constant value. Rather, I think that new wealth is constantly being added to the world (while not all Labor is Value, a lot of it is). A more proper goal for those interested in helping the people would be to work for all to be wealthy, rather than trying to make all be mediocre. See Robert Anton W lson's writings on the R.I.C.H. economy.

As for how to keep the State out of our Anarchy, about all the advice I can offer is to decentralise & parallel process as many functions of society as possible. I wish I had less vague ideas on this.

BOB, I think I can sum up the "Anarchist Role in a proposed Supreme Court decision" in one word: none. The Supreme Court as it currently stands is at the pinnacle of the coercive structure of the State, weilding an awesome amount of illicit force. Anarchists, I hope, are principled anough to avoid the trap of letting the ends justify the means. While some progress might be made through a Supreme Court decision, it's not worth the self-degradation of working with the oppressors to achieve this progress.

PAT, I deplore your cheap shot (equating anarcho-capitalists with gold bugs). That's like saying that anarcho-communists want everyone to become tractor mechanics. I thought this movement was a bit more open-minded than that. For that matter, what's wrong with "hippy dinosaurs"?

SAM, I was amused by your announcement of another Anarchist APA. That makes four that I know of, not counting SRAF which functions in a quite similar way. The more the merrier, I guess.

Finally, FRED & TOM, I'd like to see some more on the subject of living and working like anarchists now. We all deal with the machinery of the State every day, since it has appropriated monopolies in so many areas. Does anyone have concrete ideas for fighting this? US

L'Etat, C'est merde, for the JCC, Ukelele the Short, KSC

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

To the Enemies of Orthodoxy:

What's an "anarchist" double-bind? When Steve Ellams calls me a smug "one-man band" while Paul Reynolds demands a list of my "big-man accomplishments"! Those whose reading isn't limited to the Catholic Worker and Watch Tower tracts have likely seen my agitprop (doesn't Reynolds even read Front Line, put out 5 miles away?) so I'll omit my resume unless further pressed. As any good-faith reader knows, I came to bury workerism a la ACF/Strike!, not to praise myself. Ellams doesn't even try to answer that critique.

The world of Capital — our world — is one of spurious antitheses and reductionist binary oppositions: state vs. market, public vs. private, masculine vs. feminine, left vs. right, individual vs. collective, etc. Ellams is hooked on this mystifying mind-set. If I criticize organizational elephantiasis, I must be an elitist who takes "perverse pride in the purity of (my) isolation." The lone wolf or the herd of sheep, "which side are you on"? How 'bout none of the above?

My own activity has never been isolated apart from certain times and places where I had to act (up) alone or not at all, but that's beside the point, which is Ellams' conservative confusion of cooperation with organization. I think people can cooperate on task-specific face-to-face projects as their several penchants move them; he thinks you can borrow the organizational forms of General Motors or the Communist Party and have the cake of their advantages in mass impact without eating it too in terms of alienation and authority. (Forget the populist fig-leaves of recall, mandation, etc. that some archaic anarchists, following Marx, mistake for "revolutionary," they never made jack-shit difference.)

I haven't clearly distinguished workerism and the fetishism of organization in the foregoing, as I should: but as a matter of fact they tend to go together, probably because they derive from a common source: Marxism. It's amusing to see Ellams and Jeff Stein each touting organization and workerism while staging a paternity suit over a boring newspaper that preaches both doctrines to the converted! Ellams is too protective/proprietary: I indicated I thought Strike!, though flawed and narrow (cf. Badguy's remarks), was doing less harm than good. Here I am extending their views the courtesy of recognition, but Strike! (like its more suave San Francisco counterpart Processed World) would never do as much for me or its other critics in its own pages. Neither would the "anarchist" Catholic Worker . . . for, I daresay, about the same suspect reasons. You'd think the ACF (and, for that matter, the LP) debacle would occasion some second thoughts. But Faith is a mighty force.

Yes on No,

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Alternative Press Syndicate is now 16 years old (incredibly enough), and its main functions continue to be simply to make the alternative press known to the world and to eachother.

We publish a semi-annual advertising/directory and resource which is variously sent out free or sold to ad agencies, movement groups, libraries, book publishers, record producers, film producers, artsists, writers, the general public, etc., including the member publications themselves.

As a member, you would, of course,be listed in the directory. Other benefits include being microfilmed for posterity and money, in the form of yearly royalties checks. This is explained in detail on pages two and three of the enclosed directory.

Members agree to limited free reprint rights of their material, and also agree to try to exchange with other members on a regular basis.

APS also publishes the enclosed media crit mag, Alternative Media.

I think SRAF would be a good member and hope the Bulletin editors and contributors would feel the same.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Craig

Craig Silver
for APS

As SRAF Bulletin has no editors, only contributors the decision to join APS is up to us all. Hopefully Craig will consider waiving the $25 iniation fee due to our tiny circulation (compared to APS members) and our lack of a budget except donations.

LANCASTER, ENGLAND

Dear SRAF,

R. Yves Breton in Montreal told me recently that the SRAF Bulletin has been resurrected. I would like to swap the enclosed paper, which is produced --well, every now and then, by me, for the SRAF bulletin. If I like whats' in the bulletin then maybe we could get something regular together.

Bye, Tadeusz Szczepanski

We can nolonger afford to exchange the SRAF Bulletin for other publications. It is not fair to the federation anyway as only the production group gets to see the exchanged material. It is best for people to subscribe and then partiscipate.

MANSFIELD DEPOT, CONNECTICUT

Dear Friends and Comrades:

We enclose here leaflets, a flyer, and an appeal for your support.

Every day, your tax dollars (over $100 million a year) are being used to support the repressive Marcos regime in the Philippines, one of the worst violators of human rights, according to Amnesty International.

Every day, you are being enlisted to support the imprisonment torture, and killing of thousands of Filipinos fighting for their civil liberties and constitutional rights. Right now, your government is launching counter-insurgency operations to help Marcos suppress anti-fascist resistance by Filipino workers, peasants, priests and nuns, students etc. Your military bases in the Philippines hold nuclear weapons ready for global intervention, and their rental subsidizes the Marcos dictatorship.

Will you continue to allow this barbaric terrorism and inhumanity to go on, every day, every month, every year, in your name?

Ignorance afflicts most people here. We are trying to educate the public about the struggle of Filipinos for their democratic freedoms and their independence. To carry out this task, we need your help. Can you give a donation? One way of helping is by ordering our publications. Thank you.

In solidarity, Feliz Razon, for PRC
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FLUSHING, NEW YORK

To whom it may concern:

I have heard about your organization through a friend and I am very much interested in hearing from you and, I will appreciate receiving any type of literature, books or periodicals about your organization for I feel as though we have the same interests politically, philosophically and ideologically. Please do correspond immediately.

Yours truly, Dennis Frazier

ANGORA, MINNESOTA

Dear Sr.feds:

Last month I described how Israel is a Judeo-Christican beachhead in a Moslem world. By refusing entry to the U.S. of Jewish refugees during and after World WarII, a state was created which is dependent upon the West and thus is forced to do the bidding of the West concerning Mideast oil and containment of the Soviet Union.

The usefulness of Israel was shown again in the events leading up to the Qibia massacre. U. S. aid to Israel will total about $3,000 per Israeli household in 1982 and one must presume it is getting something for its money and it very obviously is.

The intent had not been to use such a military operation to solve the problems posed by the PLO. The intent had been to use Egypt as a mediator to resolve the contradiction between Palestinian demands and the existence of Israel. Egypt has for several centuries provided a cultural and political synthesis between Islam and Christianity. Now it was bought from the Soviet camp to complete the seemingly impossible task of resolving the Palestinian autonomy question and quickly was catapulted to the leadership of the Arab World.

This major effort collapsed suddenly with the assassination of President Sadat. Obviously more drastic measures must be taken so Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to resolve the Palestinian problem once and for all.

With the invasion, Egypt again became an outcast in the Arab world. Moderate Arab states such as Morocco and Jordan backed away from moves to resume diplomatic ties with Cairo and Saudi Arabia chose to continue its boycott of Egyptian goods. The setback was so great for the aspirations of Egypt that the government controlled Egyptian press attacked Washington for the first time in over four years, charging that the U. S. had given Israel "the green light" and had "blessed" the invasion. Nearly everyone from top government officials to the man on the street blamed the U.S. for the invasion.

The Israelis rapidly advanced to the outskirts of West Beirut. Then President Reagan offered to send a contingent of marines to supervise the evacuation of PLO forces. This was done and when the PLO arrived in Tunisia, they were disarmed and dispatched to a camp in the desert.

After a mere sixteen days in Lebanon, the American marines were removed just before the inauguration of Lebanon's new President Gemayel. As it turned out, President Gemayel was quickly assassinated and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel approved the entry of Christian Phalangist militiamen into two Palestinian camps in which they slaughtered over 300 refugees.

One can hardly misunderstand the message. The stage was sent now for Pesident Reagan to again send the marines into Lebanon but this time for an indefinite stay.

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Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate it if you could send me a sample copy of your publication.

Thank you, Erich A. Aggen, Jr.

AUBURN, ILLINOIS

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is $1 for a copy of your bi-monthly Bulletin. Also would you send me information on your organization, and I would like to be a organizer on my campus.

Yours in Struggle! Pete Fox

ANTI-SEMITISM AND ANTI-ZIONISM: At least Joffre's last letter in SRAF Bulletin #76 has dispelled any possible confusion about his anti-Semitism. There is no way his attack on Albert Einstein can be construed as anti-Zionism. Einstein was actively and vocally opposed to Zionism from the beginning. The Village Voice of New York recently reprinted a detailed and well-documented letter, first published in 1946 and signed by Einstein, Hannah Arendt, and other well-known Jewish intellectuals. The letter charged that the Zionists of Israel, led by young (then) Menachem Begin, and its terrorist instrument, the brutal Stern Gang, were a dangerous fascist party, with exactly the same principles, goals and methods as the Nazis and the fascists of Italy; and exhorted Jews and others to stop them before it was too late.

When the pigs of the world united to incinerate the Jews, the Jew-pigs (in the form of the Judenrats of all the countries occupied by the Nazis) were right there in the front, loading their brothers and sisters onto the trains to the gas chambers. The same thing happened in Africa 400 years ago. No white slave traders ever raided African villages to murder and enslave black men, women and children. They bought their slaves from black men who had done that. Mass murders and small-time private porkers come in all races, colors, creeds and sexes, including Jews.

But Jews have been victims too. The holocaust Joffre does not know about -- the one with the Nazis and the Jews -- happened in large part because whole populations of Eastern Europe had been born and raised and socialized in a centuries-old culture of anti-Semitism that desensitized them to the sufferings of Jews, a culture expressed in ravings just like those we read in the SRAF Bulletin over Joffre's signature. Without this supporting culture the holocaust would not have been possible. The Nazi death camps had to be located in Poland, because the Germans themselves were not anti-Semitic enough to tolerate them. In Italy where there was no tradition of anti-Semitism, Mussolini sent troops to surround the Jews and protect them when the German SS and Vichy French soldiers came to take them away.

There have been other holocausts all through history, from the massacres of the Mongol hordes to the Spanish Inquisition and the annihalation of the whole province and culture of Languedoc in France. Joffre does not care about any of them, not even the genocide of the Armenians as recently as 1915. He doesn't care because Turks did it instead of Jews. It should be clear by now that Joffre does not care about Holocausts, or genocides, or mass murders, or atrocities, or about the people responsible for them, except for those he can identify as Jews. Worst of all, he does not care about the sufferings of their victims, or about building a better world where these terrible things will not happen. His whole personality now consists of hatred of Jews.

I have read a lot, in letters from his old friends, about the sincere Anarchist and sane, loving person Joffre was 25 years ago. Extreme personality reversals often have physical or physiological causes. People can be born with syphilis and live in perfect health their whole lives, and then, when they are 40 or 50, become blind or crazy when the spirochetes attack their brain cells. That doesn't happen as often as it once did, but it still happens. Some researchers think there is always a physical cause for a dramatic change like that. When an intelligent, sweet-tempered pet dog turns crazy and vicious you take him to the doctor and try to make him well. But Anarchists don't do that to people. We may never know what happened to Joffre. Everyone who knew him long ago agrees that something did. Joffre's former personality is dead. It is a shame and dishonor to his memory to publicize the writings of the damaged and dissociated invalid he has become. When a fine healthy young person becomes senile and incontinent,we do not print color photographs of the contents of his soiled diapers in the newspapers. Let's draw a veil of mercy over the remains of the person Joffre once was and let his friends do what they can for him in decent privacy.

This concludes the 2nd part of a long letter from Ginger Katz. The 3rd and final part will appear in the next bulletin.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLAVANIA

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a list of the books and peridicals available from your organization.

Sincerely, Joe Quinlan

JOLIET, ILLINOIS

To: SRAF
Re: Discussion Bulletin

Saw your ad in the Guardian Winter Special Issiue. Enclosed find check for $6. Send to: Levi ben David.

There have been additional subscriptions received for the Bulletin , notices for which have been misplaced so do not appear here.

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

SRAF.....

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Nov 22 nd/82....

Friends-

I will be more than happy to exchange the publications put out with the help of friends with SFRAF's ones and with other groups. Here is a brief description of the said publications-

1) CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE-DESOBEISSANCE CIVILE, a bilingual publication(English and French) that up till the latest issue, #3, (NOV-DEC) used to be anarcho-pacifist. Because of the boycott from the so-called pacifists and would-be anarchists, it will become a quaterly publication, the new series starting in MARCH 83...It will be a paper about ANARCHY, PEACE and Minorities. Price will be $1.00 U.S....

2) TO APEIRON, journal of PAGAN ANARCHISTS and SIMILAR FIENDS...issue#2 for FEBRUARY 83....price is also $ 1.00 U.S. per copy.....

I had plans to put out a sort of Bulletin to help Canadian anarchists keep in contact with each other , this just being a liaison sheet with no polemics as in SRAF BULL'....unfortunately many anarchists act like newly born converts and thus a point-to-the-fact response is needed....I cannot accept that anarchists conduct themselves like marxists....Half-truths, censorship, idiotic behavior and holier than thou attitudes are alas common in the anarchist community....Riff-raff is the order of the day amongst Toronto and Montréal anarchists.... Thus to make room for real discussions and not just eulogies of how great Kropotkin, Malatesta, Bakunin were and sweep under the rug how rotten their heirs are, well it is not realistic....

3) So this new paper, bilingual(French and English), a sort of SRAF BULL' but for Canada mainly, will be coming out when needed...and serve as a contact place for Canadian anarchists and others...

"BLUFF", paper about Anarchy, conviviality and conceit, $ 0.50 U.S. per copy, 1st issue is out now. It is put out by the "Association Ni DIEU NI MAITRE".

4) A reminder, all of these publications are available at C.P. 95 STN PLACE D'ARMES, MONTREAL, QUE., H2Y 3E9, Canada-cash preferred or money orders to the name of R. YVES BRETON.....

-We also have left a few copies of the supplement #3 of Civil Disobedience, which reproduced integrally the communiqué of Direct Action, the group that claimed responsability in Bombing Litton Industries at Rexdale(a Toronto suburb)-where they make the guiding system for the Cruise Missile in Canada. It is available for $0.50 per copy and it is also translated into French...

5) Names for new SRAF paper: Backwards, The Saturday Night 'Special', the Injector, the Pundit, the Plummet, Barbarian, the Impaler, the Asshole, the Unbearable and the Bullshitter.

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

Dear SRAF,

I am writing to convey my feelings concerning certain recent events here in Canada and to ask that others who feel as I do add their voices to mine. The events I am refering to are last summer's bombing of a BC Hydro substation on Vancouver Island and the recent bombing of Litton industries (a manufacturer of the guidance system for the cruise missile) in Totonto. Both bombings were claimed by a group calling itself 'Direct Action'.

Many readers will be aware that a French anarchist group which also specialized in terrorist bombings styled itself by the same name. The rhetoric of DA, as evidenced by their public releases, is consistant with anarchism, even though they have not used that particular label themselves. The police in both BC and Toronto have referred to DA in press conferences as "anarchists". Whether this is in fact true or not, DA has become identified with anarchism.

Neither bombing accomplished much in terms of decisive action. While the monetary cost of the destroyed equipment in BC was high, the project it was directed against was NOT halted, and the cost was simply added in to the operating expenses of BC Hydro. IN Toronto the bomb injured 7 employees of the plant, but it was placed (deliberately ?) in a location remote from the actual assemby point of the system, and only offices were damaged. In both cases the effect has been to discredit people who have been active locally against either the Vancouver Island power project or the cruise missile and to provide an excuse for extensive investigation of the anti-nuclear, anti- war and environmentalist mileu by the RCMP. It should not be forgotten that Canada is a country where, as recently as 1970, martial law was declared to supposedly suppress an organization, the FLQ, that subsequent revelations have shown to be very much a police creation.

The technical details of the handling of the explosives was of a high quality, far higher than the obvious political stupidity underlying the strategy of the bombings. When this fact was pointed out - not just by me in letters to the anarchist press but also by peace and environmentalist groups who also believe that the RCMP are behind the bombings - the police very conveniently told a press conference that "there were numerous people in BC who knew how to handle explosives". Very interesting !!

It is my belief that the group responsible for these bombings is being manipulated by a police infiltrator. The real results of the bombings are such as to play completely into the hands of the secret police. Even if the bombers are merely misguided individuals there is still the question of morality involved. What right do DA have to expose the numerous peace and environmental activists who are now the subject of police investigation to such dangers? What right do they have to jeapardize the patient careful organizing that these people have been doing to oppose the power of the ruling class - all for a sensationalist headline-grabbing form of action that is directed more towards personal justification than towards real socail change?

I ask all anarchists, whatever their feelings on violence in general, to condemn THESE particular acts at THIS particular time as merely playing into the hands of the ehemy. I request that all comrades make their opposition known in all possible forums to DA's tactics.

In Solidarity,
Pat Murtagh

SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS

Dear Folks,

I would like to have a way of contacting other anarchists as I am rather isolated. The SRAF bulletin seems like a good means of communication, but I can't afford a subscription at present because I am unemployed and have no income. Is there any way I could be put on the mailing list now and send money later when I can afford it?

David DeVries

SRAFers,

After looking over the November issue of the SRAF bulletin I was reminded of why I have not subscribed to it. While there is an occasional interesting, even insightful (and inciteful), letter, for the most part its the same trash I could find in other anti-authoritarian papers. While I appreciate your sending the issue, I can't, after reading it, see putting out money I don't really have to get it on a regular basis. Anarcho-capitalism nauseates me. Workerism is the best way of guaranteeing the continued perpetuation of our enslavement to the capitalist project after we get rid of the bosses -don't forget that "worker" is a role we're forced into by capital - not something we choose to be. And organizational fetishism among self-proclaimed anti-leninists is beyond my comprehension - certainly there is only one question worth asking about *revolutionary* organization is: can such a thing exist, can any organization really be revolutionary. If I want to read the crap of anarco-capitalists, workerists, or organizational fetishists, I can find it anywhere - I don't need more of it. When are we, anarchists, going to learn to define ourselves in terms of our passion and desires instead of our capitalist roles? When are we going to see that our every day experiences, and not ideologies and organizations, will be the source of any revolution that does more than reform the present order?

Sincerely, David N. DeVries

P.S. This letter isn't for printing, as I can't afford it, and it really isn't that important to me that it be printed -I can write what I'm feeling to numerous individuals myself and feel that that what probably bring more serious responses - since the only limits on space in personal correspondence are this of individual interest and time.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Dear Friends,

Greetings! We hope all is well and everyone is active in the D.C. area. This is to let you folks know that the LWG *would* like to continue to receive the SRAF Bul. Thanks.

In solidarity, Mitch Miller, corresponding secretary, LWG

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

SRAF:

Noticed your space in a recent issue of the *GUARDIAN*. Would like to know more so find enclosed $1 for a sample of your paper-send to: Garrett M. O'Hara, ex-trotskyist turned Anarchist.

S. R. A. F. *Pamphlet Series*

We are preparing to issue several pamphlets. The first one is about alternatives to the classic left written by a group of anarchists based in Atlanta, Georgia. The second will be about the lessons of the Polish situation written by an anarchist in Wyoming with help from others and the third will be a re-issue of an interview with the Cohn-Bendit brothers detailing how they came to anarchism.

We are also attempting to locate multiple copies of past SRAF pamphlets and leaflets and make them available again.

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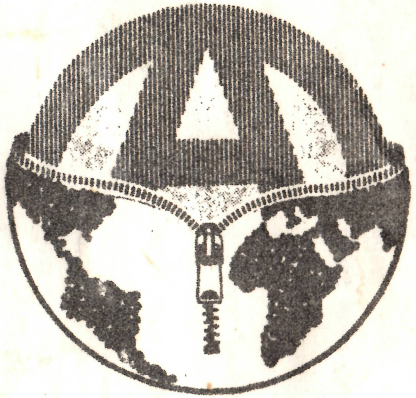
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